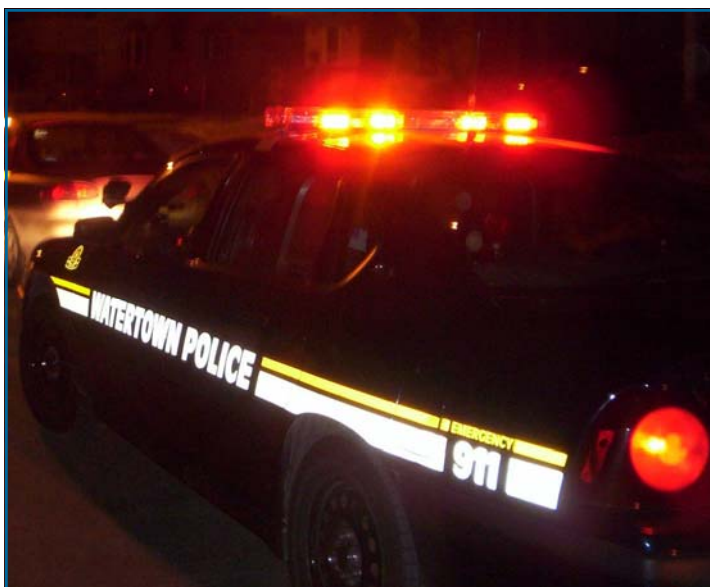


# City of Watertown Police Department



# *In Memoriam*



This year's annual report is dedicated to the memory of Officer Charles Morse.

Officer Morse retired January 2004 after a thirty-two year career in law enforcement with the Watertown Police Department. Regrettably, Charlie passed away December of the same year.

Serving with the Department since 1971, Charlie exhibited professionalism, shared experiences and often interjected humor into situations that needed relief. Charlie served the public trust for more than half of his adult life and contributed much to the Police Department, the city and citizens alike. Officer Morse served with pride, dedication and honor throughout his career.

*He will be missed now more than ever....*

## A Police Officer's Prayer

*Lord, I ask for Courage -  
Courage to face and conquer my own fears.  
Courage to take me where others will not go....  
I ask for strength -  
Strength of body to protect others, and  
strength of spirit to lead others....  
I ask for dedication -  
Dedication to my job, to do it well,  
Dedication to my community, to keep it safe  
And please, Lord,  
through it all, be at my side ...*

*AMEN*

# City of Watertown Police Department

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### *Message from Chief Robert A. Piche*

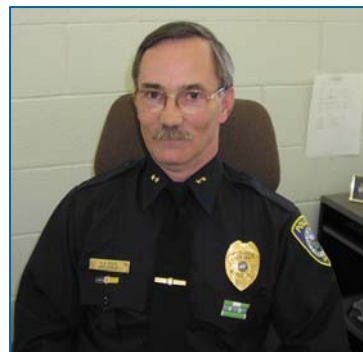
The men and women of the Watertown Police Department have endeavored to fulfill their moral and constitutional obligations to the citizens of the City of Watertown in serving the public trust, maintaining law and order, and remaining vigilant to restrict the criminal element from altering our way of life.

The 2004 Annual Report will bare witness to the triumphs and tragedy officers faced and their willingness to overcome obstacles to maintain the public's confidence.

Our collective efforts to ensure that the safety and quality of life for each and every citizen residing, visiting and working in the City of Watertown has always been, *and will always be*, our primary mission.

We serve the community with a dedication to duty and it is an honor to do so.

I therefore am pleased to present to you the 2004 Annual Report. It is a culmination of effort from all who serve the community in our public safety endeavors.



### **Watertown Police Department 751 Waterman Drive Watertown, NY 13601**

Chief of Police	315-786-2610	Police Training Center	315-785-7852
Police Captain	315-786-2634	Community Police North	315-779-0091
Criminal Investigations	315-786-2620	Community Police East	315-779-9051
Police Administration	315-786-2635	Police Records Office	315-786-2637

## **The Watertown Police Department's Mission**

The principle mission of the Watertown Police Department is to preserve the rights of the citizens and reduce fear in the community through the prevention of crime, protection of persons, property and the maintenance of order in public places and to anticipate and respond to events that threaten public order and the protection of life and property.

It is important to remember that in the execution of our duties, we act not for ourselves but for the good of the public. We shall respect and protect the rights of individuals and perform our services with honesty, zeal, courage, discretion, fidelity and sound judgment.

We will seek and preserve public confidence by demonstrating impartial service to law and by offering service and trust to all members of the public.

We will use force only when the exercise of persuasion , advice and warning is found to be insufficient to obtain public cooperation to an extent necessary to secure observance of law or to restore order and to use only the minimum degree of physical force, which is necessary upon any particular occasion for achieving a police objective.

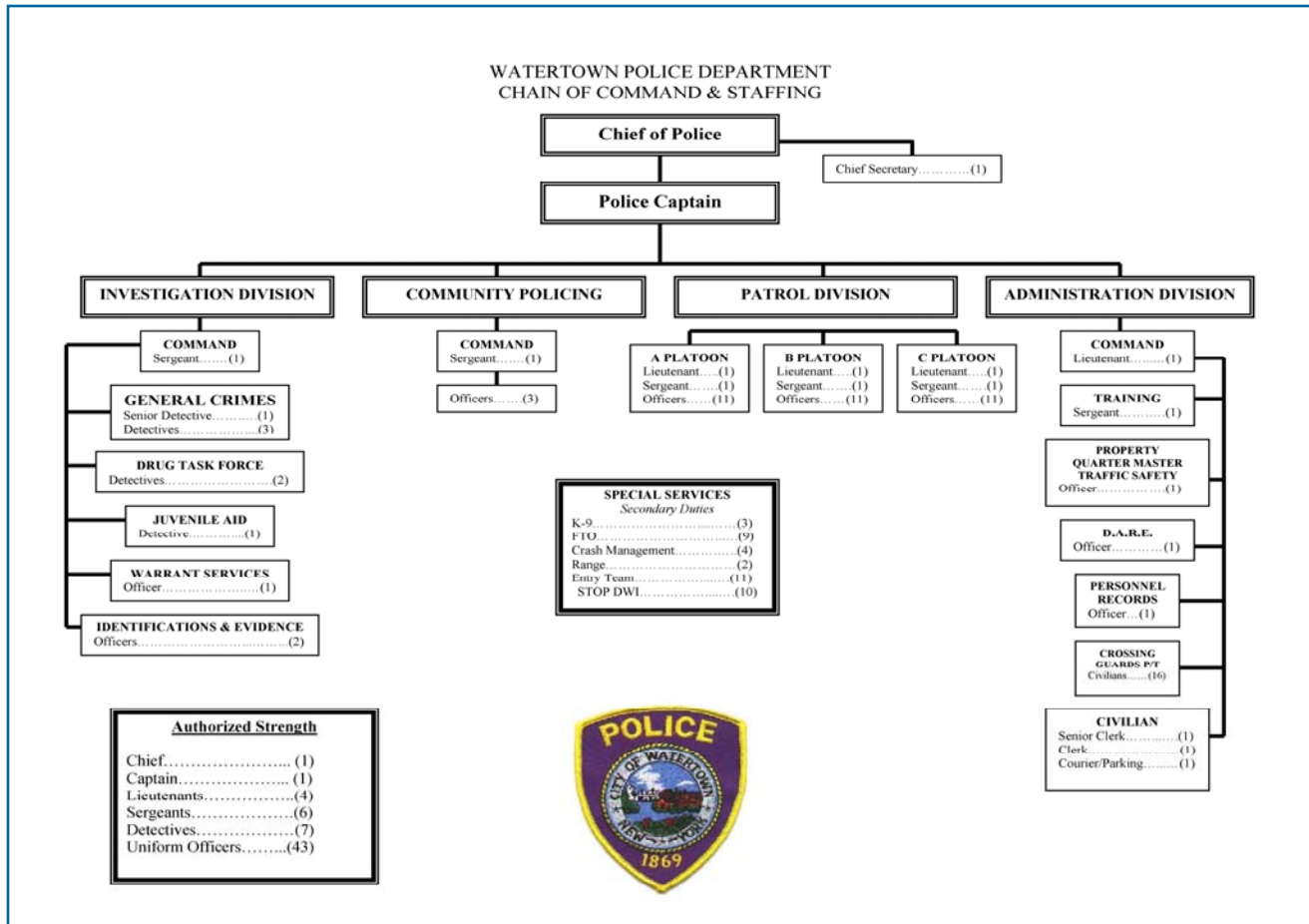


*Watertown Police Department*

*Photo taken 2002*



## Chain of Command and Staffing



## Command Staff 2004



Captain O.N. Reff

Police Captain



Lt. J.J. Goss

Cmdr B Platoon



Lt. F.J. Derrigo

Cmdr C Platoon



Lt. G.R. Comins

Cmdr A Platoon



Lt. T.T. Wells

Cmdr Admin Div



Sgt. C.S. Damon

Cmdr CID

# UNIFORM DIVISION



## 2004

## Uniform Division

### Uniform Patrol

The Patrol Division is the backbone of any police department, and ours is no exception. The Patrol Division performs all the traditional functions of a motorized patrol force. In addition, the Division is extremely service oriented.

The philosophy of the Patrol Division is high visibility and proactive policing through officer initiated activity. The Uniform Patrol Division duties include 24-hour response to the initial investigation of crimes and incidents, traffic enforcement and control, accident investigation, specialized operations such as Entry team and K-9, and coordination for special events such as parades, concerts & other community functions.

The Patrol Division consists of three platoons each having 11 officers, one lieutenant and one sergeant.

Department-wide Law Enforcement Activity	Statistics 2004
Calls for Service <i>(As recorded by Jefferson County Dispatch Services)</i>	30,356
Adult Arrests	1,958
Juvenile Arrests	106
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1,238
Felony Charges	323
Misdemeanor Charges	1,525
Violation Charges	829
Traffic Citations	3,917
Parking Citations	3,880

## Uniform Division

### STOP D.W.I.

During 2004 the Watertown Police Department had a total of 177 driving while intoxicated arrests, an increase of 15 from 2003.

The Department's Stop-DWI Unit includes nine officers and one supervisor. Special STOP-DWI patrols were utilized on 45 occasions, to complement regular DWI enforcement initiatives.

In 2004, Jefferson County Stop-DWI funding allocated \$10,000.00 in overtime to cover costs associated with the Stop-DWI Program. A grant of \$5,600.00 was also received from the NY State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to maintain enforcement initiatives.

The Police Department also received a \$6,000.00 grant from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to combat *Aggressive Driving*. As a result, 149 traffic tickets were issued for offenses such as speeding, unsafe lane changes, disregarding traffic control devices and various equipment deficiencies. The aggressive driving enforcement initiative focused on neighborhoods of the City that were identified by its residents as *high offense* areas.

The Department was awarded a \$17,918.64 grant by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee. The grant was to purchase three infrared breath test instruments to assist with the Breath Test Operator Course. The Department purchased one Intoxilyzer 5000, one Alco-Test 7110 MK3, and one Datamaster.

The Watertown Police Department will continue in its efforts to fight against drunk drivers in our attempts to make the streets of Watertown safe for the driving public.

### Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)

Officer Joe Reff is the Department's Drug Recognition Expert, trained specifically to determine if a motorist is operating a motor vehicle under the influence of illicit drugs. Officer Reff is also the Region 3 D.R.E. coordinator which includes Jefferson, Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, St. Lawrence, Lewis and Warren Counties. His duties for this assignment include training, coordination enforcement activity with law changes and attending annual conferences in Albany on the subject of driving while impaired by drugs.

Between January 1st and December 31st 2004, Officer Reff conducted 23 separate evaluations on motorists suspected of driving under the influence of drugs. The drug evaluations tested for drugs such as cannabis, depressants and narcotics such as cocaine, crack and heroin, as well as prescription drugs. Officer Reff provided his DRE services to other agencies, such as the NY State Police, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and the Antwerp Police Department.

All 23 evaluations conducted were supported by independent toxicology reports confirming that the motorist tested was in fact under the influence of some type of drug.



## Uniform Division

### Community Oriented Policing

*“Community policing focuses on crime and social disorder through the delivery of police services that includes aspects of traditional law enforcement, as well as prevention, problem-solving, community engagement, and partnerships. The community policing model balances reactive responses to calls for service with proactive problem-solving centered on the causes of crime and disorder. Community policing requires police and citizens to join together as partners in the course of both identifying and effectively addressing these issues.”*

[United States Office of Community Oriented Policing]

The Community Policing Unit includes three police officers and one sergeant. The unit's shifts vary from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm or 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, altered at times to accommodate community activities.

During 2004, the CPO unit handled approximately 1,463 various calls for service and assisted other units with 135 calls. These calls included school crossings, municipal code violations, airport security, business contacts, special details, and review of problem traffic areas and quality of life issues.

The Community Policing Unit participated in “Operation Safe Guard”; a New York State Office of Homeland Security initiative to establish a working relationship with business and industry to detect and report suspicious activity that may be perpetrated by suspected terrorist organizations. The program provides a means of reporting such suspicious activity to local law enforcement, when persons, possibly involved in terrorist activity, pose as customers purchasing otherwise legitimate goods, to be used for illegal purposes. To date, the unit has invited numerous businesses in all areas of the city to the program and continues their efforts in recruiting more each day. The unit is also updating business contact information in our computerized records system as a result of their efforts in this project.

#### Presentations and Displays

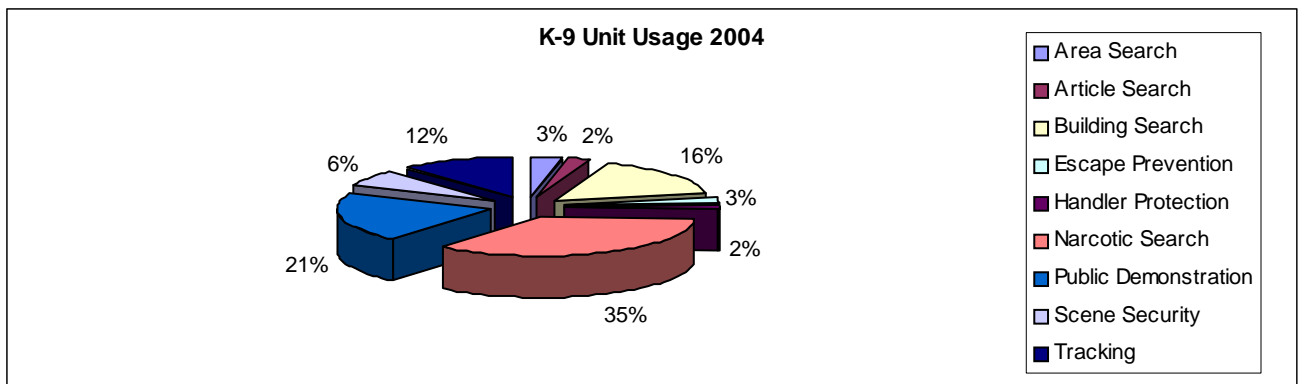
- Home Depot Safety Day
- YMCA
- Senior Safety Day
- Knickerbocker “Bear Fair”
- Farm Safety Day
- Fort Drum Safety Day
- Girl and Boy Scouts Presentations
- P&C Child Safety Day
- Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council
- Military Housing Bike Rodeo
- Military Housing “Operation Safe Night”
- Elderly Safety- *individual housing complexes*
- JCC Career Day

## Uniform Division

### Police K-9 Unit

The Watertown PD K-9 unit had a productive year in 2004. The unit, consisting of three K-9 teams, answered 125 calls for service, to include public demonstrations. The K-9 teams were used in the usual K-9 law enforcement roles, but searches for drugs seemed to be the most prevalent. Other assignments included area and building searches, as well as tracking, scene security and public demonstrations.

The K-9 unit maintained its training standards by attending biweekly training each month, to meet both patrol & drug detection dog training requirements. By meeting the training requirements set forth by the Office of Public Security, the unit was able to retain its New York State Certifications. The K-9 unit also attended a week long seminar held in Yates County which was sponsored by the National Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA).



K-9 Justice



K-9 Duka



K-9 Fargo

## Uniform Division

### Police Special Operations Entry Team

The Watertown Police Department's Special Operations Entry Team was created in 2000. The eleven-member team consists of one lieutenant, two sergeants, two detectives, and six patrol officers.

The Entry Team is responsible for providing the quickest, safest and most effective entries for moderate to high risk incidents and stabilization of crime scenes. The unit's duties include, *but are not limited to*, preemptive entry upon the execution of search warrants, arrest warrants, barricaded subjects and hostage situations.



Maintaining adequate staffing and training to allow the unit to operate in a variety of situations is of paramount concern. The unit must be flexible enough to operate as a team and sustain the manpower needed to execute searches in larger buildings such as office buildings, schools, churches and stores. The team trains bi-weekly in weapons and tactics scenarios.

Twice this year, the entry team was called in to stand-by for "barricaded subjects"; fortunately negotiations averted the need for a forced entry.

The Metro-Jefferson Narcotics Task Force generates the majority of entry team assignments. The team executed 15 successful entries for the Drug Task Force in 2004. The team was utilized in support of 20 narcotic offense related indictment warrant arrests as well.

### Police Honor Guard

The Watertown Police Department's Honor/Color Guard, consisting of eight officers, was organized in 2003. The unit was formed to attend community events, such as parades, festivals, and as honor guards for dignitary and law enforcement funerals.

In 2004 the unit took part in the Dairy Festival, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, and Jefferson County Fair parades. They attended two memorial services; The Law Enforcement Memorial Service in Albany, NY as well as the "9-11" Remembrance Services in Watertown, NY.

The unit served as Honor Guard at the calling hours and funeral services for Retired Police Officer Charles Morse in December.

## Uniform Division

### Police Crisis Negotiations Team

The Watertown Police Department's Crisis Negotiation Team was developed to ensure the safety of our community. The four-person team includes a team leader, a primary and secondary negotiator and a team liaison.

The team responds to situations involving barricaded subjects or hostage taking incidents. The primary task of the team in these situations is to reduce, through negotiations, the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, and police officers, as well as suspects.

The Watertown Police Department has a trained unit of hostage negotiators to be utilized in those circumstances in which it is believed that their services may be beneficial to a successful resolution of the conflict.

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#### Case Study

September 11<sup>th</sup> 2004: Watertown Police units were dispatched to a residence on Barben Ave., on a report of a suicidal person . The person had apparently barricaded himself inside his residence, with several firearms, threatening suicide.

Crisis negotiations team members initiated contact with the person and found he was distraught after having a domestic dispute with his spouse earlier that day. Nobody else was believed to be inside the home at the time. Negotiators quickly determined that the person's emotions ran the gamut of anger to sadness, making it more and more difficult to guide his emotions to readily accept assistance.

Police entry team members were on stand-by to forcibly enter the home and secure the person before he could carry out his suicidal threats. The entry team was not needed, since the negotiating officers, Detective Joseph Donoghue and Officer Ronald Gatch, were able to convince the person to surrender himself for mental health evaluation.

Several firearms, found at the person's disposal, were secured including a revolver, two .22 caliber semi-auto handguns, one of which was loaded , as well as a loaded .380 caliber semi-automatic handgun. A handwritten will, signed on 09/11/04, was located in the bathroom and the letter of apology to the children was found on the kitchen table. Suicidal intentions and means were obviously present. If not for the calm and deliberate communication from the negotiators, the outcome may have been much different.

## Uniform Division

### Fleet Management

The maintenance for all police vehicles and their respective equipment is the responsibility of the department's fleet management unit. Officers should possess the tools and proper working equipment necessary to provide the highest degree of service to the community. The unit is commanded by the "B" Platoon lieutenant and administered by the sergeant.

The department began utilizing fleet management software to manage the various maintenance, repairs and costs associated with each vehicle in 2004. The program allows for better tracking of each vehicle's needs and associated costs to maintain them in good working order.

There were thirty vehicles, marked, unmarked and special purpose, in the Police Department fleet in 2004. Every marked police unit was equipped with a Mobile Data Terminal docking station to receive the Mobile Data Computers deployed in May of 2004. The docking station includes the unit to hold the computer, a removable keyboard with integrated mouse and a separate port replicator unit that provides power to the docking station and computer, as well as allow peripherals such as the keyboard and other external devices to plug into.

The Mobile Data Terminals are removed from the car after each tour since there are more cars than computers. It is a goal to have each marked patrol unit outfitted with its own Mobile Data Terminal to alleviate the potential wear & tear on the units. Funding sources are continually researched to this end.

Other improvements to the patrol fleet in 2004 included the installation of new and more cost effective electronic release shotgun racks mounted in each patrol car, new emergency lightbars and portable Personal Breathing Apparatus (*PBA*). The Personal Breathing Apparatus provides officers with five minutes of oxygen to escape from an area in the event they find themselves in a hazardous materials spill or BIO-Terrorism incident. The *PBA* consists of a miniaturized Scott Air-Pack with escape hood. The devices were purchased as part of a New York State and Federal government Homeland Security initiative to safeguard our emergency services personnel in the field.

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# **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION**



**2004**

## Criminal Investigations Division

The Criminal Investigations Division, *commanded by a Detective Sergeant*, is comprised of Detectives assigned to General Crimes, Metro-Jefferson Drug Task Force and Juvenile Aid. The Warrant Services and the Identification/Crime Scene Units are also part of the division.

The Detective Division continued to investigate reported and unreported crimes on a priority basis. As a general rule, cases against persons receive the highest priority. Consideration is also given to the level of public interest, relative personal or public injury and the threat thereof, as well as the level of property damage, and solvability factors present in each case. All case referrals are reviewed by the detective sergeant, and assigned appropriately. Occasionally, a case referred by the Patrol Division is returned to patrol for further follow-up.

### General Crimes

Watertown is not immune to Homeland Security issues, and the Criminal Investigations Division routinely assists other police and civil agencies; locally and abroad with such investigations. The City's proximity to the Canadian border and the Fort Drum military installation potentially increases Watertown's vulnerability toward terrorist activity. There have been isolated instances where suspected terrorists have had Police contact in and around the City in recent years. During 2004, detectives investigated three suspicious incidents involving subjects, of middle-eastern origin, who were engaged in suspicious activity. Although each was determined to have no appreciable threat, the particular circumstances and the individuals involved, were already known to the FBI. In some cases, the persons involved, their relatives or associates of these individuals were on FBI watch lists.

The Watertown Police Department investigated three homicides and two attempted homicides in 2004. One of the attempted homicides and a number of assaults and weapons investigations were determined to be perpetrated by known gang members. The nexus between gangs and drug trafficking in the Watertown area is well established. Crack cocaine and heroin, as well as ecstasy and hydroponically-grown marijuana are considered to have strong footholds in the Watertown area. This has produced gang activity with factions radiating from New York City, Utica, Syracuse, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Chicago, and other source cities.

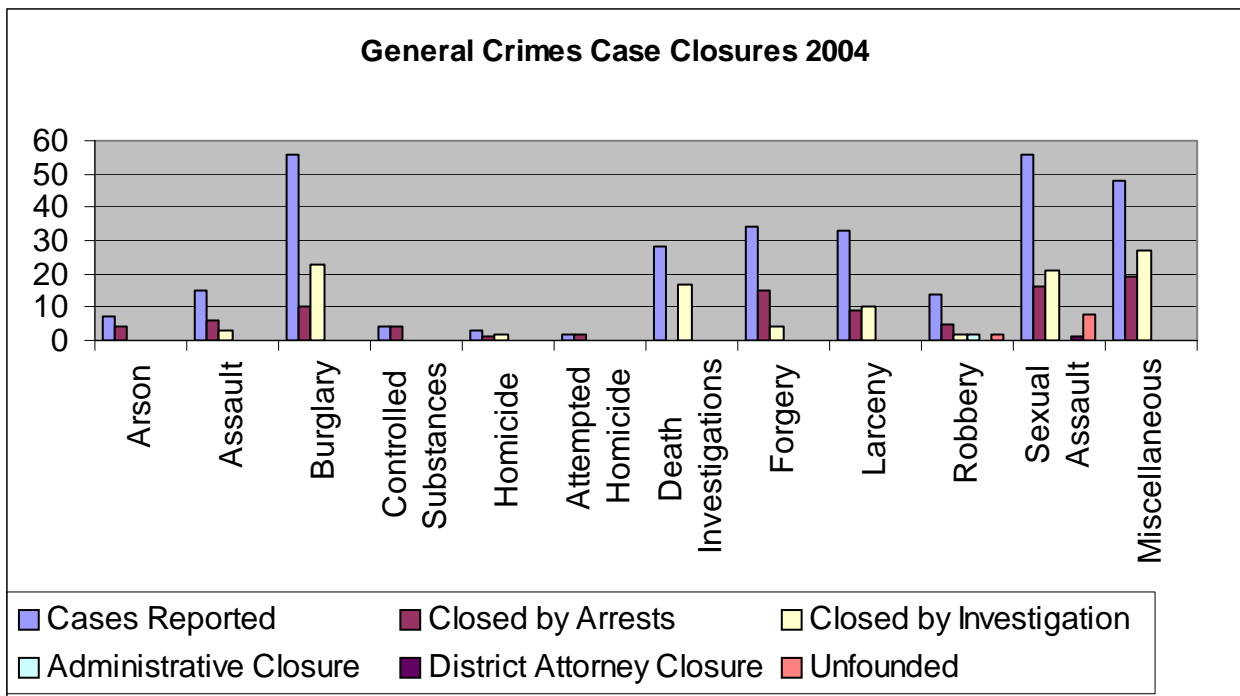
The case referrals from Patrol were consistent throughout the year. Sex crimes and burglary were the majority of referred cases, with forgery, fraud and larceny crimes following. Cases generalized under the "miscellaneous" category were comprised mainly of child endangerment, criminal mischief, stolen property and missing person cases. Detectives are also responsible for internal and background investigations.

The Division maintains an excellent working relationship with the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office, NYS Police Bureau of Criminal Investigations, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department detectives, Medical Examiner's Office, Probation Department and Department of Social Services. A continued effort to maintain professional media relations is also our goal. The Criminal Investigations Division continues to network with outside agencies and build relationships with them in our effort to minimize crime and maximize public safety.

## Criminal Investigations Division

### General Crimes

Crimes Investigated by CID in 2004	
Arson	7
Assault	15
Burglary	56
Controlled Substances	4
Homicide and Attempted Homicide	5
Death Investigations	28
Forgery	34
Larceny	33
Robbery	14
Sexual Assault	56
Miscellaneous	48



## Criminal Investigations Division

### Notable Criminal Cases

In January, Detectives responded to a burglary investigation at 522 W. Main Street. The complainant reported household items, including seven rifles, stolen from his residence. The case was assigned to Det. John Montrois, where the apparent witness was actually involved in committing the burglary. The investigation revealed that three subjects - Douglas Smith Jr., Wendell Alberry III, and Lonny Alberry Sr. - were involved in planning and implementing the burglary. Several others were involved in possessing/selling the guns. The case was solved with the use of informants and investigative initiative. All seven guns were recovered after several of them had been sold/disposed of to third parties. The case concluded with five arrests.

Also in January, detectives were called to investigate a reported home invasion robbery at 375 Broadway Ave. The victims, Edwin Krupkin (owner of Apex Army/Navy store) and his wife Patricia reported that two males entered their home and robbed them at knifepoint. City patrol officers conducted a superb preliminary investigation, to include a show-up identification of one of the suspects, and K-9 Justice following a track to a residence on Remington Street where suspects were generated. McArthur Latulas and Gene Rivers III were each charged with first degree counts of Robbery and Burglary and 4<sup>th</sup> degree conspiracy. Christina Bare and Erica Files were charged with the same offenses, having aided and abetted Latulas and Rivers. Latulas and Rivers were sentenced to State Prison terms.

In March, James Johnson was the intended victim of a drive-by shooting on Clay Street near the intersection of Sterling Street. The investigation revealed that up to five shots were fired from a vehicle at Johnson as he was walking alone. The investigation also revealed that the incident likely resulted from a clash over illegal narcotics in what amounted to a gang related "turf battle". The victim soon became uncooperative, and has since left the state. A vehicle that was impounded by Utica Police in a separate incident, was suspected to be the vehicle used in this incident.

In April, John R. Breen Jr. was charged with Grand Larceny in the first degree for systematically stealing over 1 million dollars from model Margaret Mary Rizer. Breen had at one time been entrusted to handle a portion of Rizer's finances. He had developed a gambling addiction that contributed to the need for stealing the funds, and which sparked a state investigation into several local taverns that sponsored the popular lottery game "Quick Draw," where Breen apparently exhausted hundreds of thousands of dollars. Breen was sentenced to State Prison.

Also in April, Village of Cape Vincent Police Officer Perry Golden turned over numerous photographs and VCR tapes that had been possessed by Norman E. Calhoun, Jr. at Calhoun's Cape Vincent home. The tapes contained home movie footage of Calhoun engaged in sexual contact with young children. After review of the tapes, it was discovered that the footage was filmed at Calhoun's residence in the City of Watertown in late 2002. The case was assigned to Det. Montrois. The children were identified. The victims were males, ages 7, 8, and 13 at the time of the incident. Calhoun had left the state for a period of time but was arrested in September after he had returned to Watertown.

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## Criminal Investigations Division

### Notable Criminal Cases

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In June, a fire at 1103 Gill Street resulted in the total loss of the single-family home. Watertown Police and Fire Investigators determined the origin to be suspicious. Karl Marshall, who, along with his brother, mother and grandfather resided at the residence, subsequently pleaded guilty to arson in the fifth degree to satisfy a plea bargain on that and several other charges. These charges included having broken into his father's residence and stealing several of his handguns and selling them.

In July, a "shots fired" complaint resulted in the discovery of three deceased victims at 709 Franklin Street. Two of the victims, Mary Monroy and Kevin Geer, were shot in the head by the third victim, Michael Mayhew, who turned the shotgun on himself and committed suicide in the same apartment. The investigation revealed the motive to be domestic in nature, specifically jealousy over Monroy carrying on a new relationship with Geer. Two children, ages 6 and 13, and another adult witnessed the shootings, but were physically unharmed.

In September, Watertown Police Detectives assisted the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department in a kidnapping investigation. The perpetrator, Xavier Lamachione, had stolen a vehicle from West Main Auto, 808 West Main Street, and had kidnapped and held his estranged wife hostage at knifepoint. Lamachione subsequently fled, and eluded the police after a chase during which he jumped into the Black River and escaped. Watertown detectives located Lamachione at 234 Coffeen Street. He was turned over to Sheriff's Detectives to be charged in the kidnapping incident, and was later charged by City Detective Joe Donoghue with the burglary of the auto store.

Also in September, Green Jackson, resident of 234 Coffeen Street Apartment 1F, was the victim of a stabbing that subsequently took his life. Seventeen year old Traci Weir, another resident of that apartment, initially called the police to report that Jackson had accidentally stabbed himself with a knife while carving meat. Upon arrival, Weir told police that another male had actually stabbed Jackson. The stories conflicted. Weir was transported by Detective Purvis to the Watertown Police Department and subsequently confessed she stabbed Jackson. Jackson's heart sustained a laceration, and stopped beating on the way to the hospital. When he reached the Emergency room, he was revived. However, after surgery he remained in a comatose state, and eventually succumbed to his injury and passed away on January 12, 2005. Weir was initially charged with assault in the first degree, to which she pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 8 years in prison. She was subsequently charged and arraigned on manslaughter in the first degree to which she entered a guilty plea and was sentenced to 12 years in prison.

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## Criminal Investigations Division

### Notable Criminal Cases

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In late September, North Country Transitional Living Services reported that they uncovered systematic thefts perpetrated by the Executive Director; Janice Anderson. The investigation showed that Anderson had systematically stole funds through use of multiple agency credit cards and local credit account transactions. The embezzlement totaled over \$200,000.00 dating back to January of 2000. Anderson, 53, had been involved in administration of the not for profit organization since its inception over 25 years ago. She cooperated in the investigation by giving a written confession. She was charged with grand larceny in the second degree. Plea negotiations are continuing.

In October, Fat Man's Cab driver, Samantha, reported that she was robbed at gunpoint by two males in the 700 Block of W. Main Street. One of the perpetrators pressed a handgun against the back of her head, and demanded cash, then fled with the victim's purse. During the preliminary investigation, NYSP K-9 Officer Poggi responded with his K-9, and followed a track to 718 Superior Street Apartment #3, where a female resident allowed officers in to speak with her. Upon entry, city patrol officer James Romano observed and subsequently seized a pistol, the purse belonging to the victim, and clothing suspected of being worn by the perpetrators. The pistol turned out to be a bb/pellet pistol manufactured by Walther. Other than the diameter of the barrel, it was undistinguishable from a Walther PPK 9mm semi-automatic firearm. Detectives were called in to assume control of the case. A search warrant was executed at the apartment, and more items of clothing worn by the perpetrators, as well as the victim's cash, were recovered. The suspects were present at the residence, and had agreed to accompany detectives to the Public Safety Building, where they subsequently confessed to the robbery. Devin Kent (hailing from Baltimore, MD) and Robert Williams (military dependant) were charged with robbery in the second degree. Their cases are still pending in County Court.

Over the course of approximately two weeks from November-December, numerous businesses in the Watertown area reported receiving counterfeit currency during business transactions. Ten incidents were reported to the Watertown Police Department and adopted as cases by CID. With assistance from the Metro-Jefferson Drug Task Force and Officer William Rafferty, suspects were identified. At one point, the girlfriend of one suspect (Raimundo Martilez) attempted to return a printer purchased with counterfeit currency to the Watertown Staples store. Detectives from the Jefferson County Sheriff's , New York State Police and the U.S. Secret Service executed a search warrant at the Martilez residence in Dexter. As a result, over \$1000.00 in counterfeit currency along with computer equipment used to make the currency were seized. Martilez confessed to the counterfeiting and was charged with forgery in the first degree. An accomplice, Brent D. Ingram, was charged with criminal possession of a forged instrument in the first degree. Their cases are pending. Martilez is also a fugitive wanted out of Florida. He has an extensive criminal history that includes robbery, burglary, narcotics, and a sexual assault that resulted in a 9 years prison term in Florida. Authorities there have indicated that he is facing a 7-year prison sentence if he returns and is apprehended. However, they have declined in the recent months to extradite him.

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## Criminal Investigations Division

### Notable Criminal Cases

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In December, off-duty Watertown Police Officer Michael K. VanWaldick entered 902 Leray Street, the residence of Ryan Dorr, and shot Dorr three times. Present at that residence was VanWaldick's estranged girlfriend, Jessica Quinta. After shooting Dorr, VanWaldick abducted Quinta and fled on foot with her. They made it to 119 Stuart Street, where VanWaldick stole a vehicle, forced Quinta inside the vehicle and drove to a friend's residence in the Town of Adams. There, he left Quinta with the friend and fled on foot, still in possession of the handgun he had used. Watertown Police Detectives maintained lead agency status for the shooting, with joint involvement from the New York State Police and Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. A manhunt ensued and a command post was set up at the NYSP Adams satellite office. The NYSP provided their tactical CRT (Critical Response Team), 7 K-9 units, a helicopter, and numerous investigators from various posts. VanWaldick surrendered to police at his father's residence in the Town of Rodman 23 hours later. VanWaldick was charged with attempted murder in the second degree, burglary in the first degree, and kidnapping. The handgun used in the commission of the crimes was not recovered. Evidence collected near the scene indicates that VanWaldick had performed surveillance prior to gaining entry. A ladder was used to gain access to the second story window. VanWaldick is currently being held without bail in the Oswego County Jail. His case is pending in Jefferson County Court.

On Christmas Day, detectives were called in to investigate the deaths of Tameka McFarquhar, a soldier stationed at Fort Drum, and her infant daughter, Danasia McFarquhar. The mother and infant were found in the bedroom, and had been dead at least five days prior to their discovery. Jefferson County Medical Examiner, Dr. Livingstone, determined Tameka's death to have resulted from a condition known as Exsanguinations, associated with complications from the placenta not being removed after childbirth. The infant died from dehydration. A doctor from Guthrie Clinic on Fort Drum had delivered her baby at Samaritan Medical Center in Watertown.

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## Criminal Investigations Division

### Warrant Services

The Warrant Services Unit is managed by Officer William Russell. In 2004 the Warrant Services Unit received 289 new warrants and closed 628 warrants by arrest or exceptional clearance from the courts. The closures include 221 of the 289 new warrants received in 2004 closed by arrest or cleared by the courts. Of the 628 warrants cleared in 2004, 362 of them were for vehicle and traffic offenses and recalled by the courts. The courts opted to seek civil remedies or scofflaw for the offenses charged, since most were for unpaid fines. A warrant review and purge project is also underway to address stagnant warrants in our system that might also benefit from seeking a civil remedy.

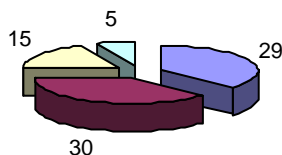
Fugitive recapture was another primary responsibility for the unit in 2004. Twelve fugitives were arrested and extradited from NY State back to the state holding the warrants. Four persons wanted by the Watertown PD were arrested and extradited back to NY from Nevada, Colorado, Arizona and Georgia. Extraditions are usually reserved for violent and drug-related offenses, as well as fraud and other high-level felonies, and those offenses deemed pertinent by the District Attorney's Office.

Warrant services handled 42 bad check cases, 11 of which were closed by arrest and 28 closed by restitution being made to the victim businesses. The remaining three have warrants on file for the suspects. Patrol handled a total of 21 bad check complaints. Of those cases, 9 were closed by arrest, 8 were closed by restitution and 4 were closed with warrants of arrest being issued. Bad check cases totaled approximately \$10,950.25 in 2004. Two cases of scheme to defraud, involving numerous bogus checks being uttered in excess of \$6,000.00, were closed by arrest as well.

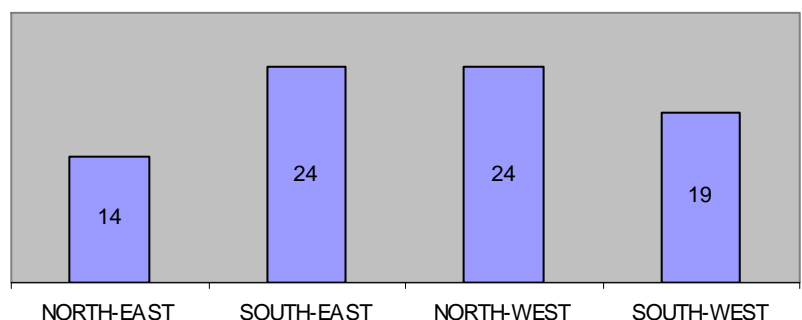
The Warrant Services Unit is also tasked with maintaining the local Sex Offender Registry. As of 12/30/04, there were 79 sex offenders living in the City of Watertown, 15 of which are classified as level three offenders; the most serious. All sex offenders must register with the department and maintain periodic contact with the warrants officer on a regular basis, depending on their classification. Surprise home visits, address verification and records management are all part of the duties associated with maintaining a sex offender registry. Warrant Services completed 48 changes of address, initiated 47 checks and conducted 18 home visits. Four sex offenders were arrested and charged with failure to meet reporting requirements in 2004.

**Sex Offender Levels City of Watertown**

■ Level One ■ Level Two ■ Level Three ■ Pending Classification



**Sex Offender Residency in the City of Watertown**



## Criminal Investigations Division

### Juvenile Aid



Detective Montrois is the officer assigned to the juvenile aid unit and his duties include criminal investigations in juvenile and non-juvenile complaints, as well as liaison between the schools, youth and parent organizations and the department.

The definition for Juvenile is relevant to the context, law and/or situation it is referenced. A person between the ages of seven and fifteen are subject to arrest for criminal offenses.

Persons 16 years of age or older are considered “adults” and are therefore subject to being prosecuted as such when they commit a crime and/or petty offense.

NY State law may also assign the definition of Juvenile to a person less than 18 years of age, depending on what the reference is for. For example, a person under the age of 18 is considered a juvenile if reported missing. There are a myriad of applications for Juvenile—Youthful Offender statuses as they relate to sealing of court cases, police reports, fingerprints, photos and prosecution records. A person may receive Youthful Offender status up to the age of twenty-one.

Arrests for persons under the age of 18 during 2004 was as high as 267. The offenses charged ranged from petty offenses to violent crimes. Of that total, 121 youths were under the age of 16, the youngest being under ten years old. Property crimes seemed to be the most prominent offense committed with larceny a close second. Sex offenses, burglary, assault and drug offenses followed.

### Youth Court

Jefferson County Youth Court is a voluntary alternative to Probation and Family Court for juveniles who have committed a crime or an offense such as shoplifting, criminal mischief, harassment, vandalism, disorderly conduct and alcohol or marijuana violations. The goal of Youth Court is to intervene in early anti-social, delinquent and criminal behavior, and deter offenders from future criminal involvement. Peers determine the appropriate sanctions for the offender. The program holds juvenile offenders responsible for their actions in an effort to promote long-term behavioral changes. The youth that come to the Youth Court are usually first-time offenders. Youth Court is an avenue for parents and/or police to place a heavy emphasis on what may happen if bad behavior continues. Youth Court does not accept any youth who have been arrested for felonies. Most misdemeanors are acceptable for Youth Court. The youth that come to court must plead guilty to the offense charged and must agree to participate in the Youth Court process; which is voluntary. If for any reason the youth or their parents do not wish to proceed in Youth Court or if the youth does not plead guilty, their arrest report will go to the prosecuting agency for disposition.

The Watertown PD referred 19 youths to Youth Court in 2004.



## Criminal Investigations Division

### Juvenile Aid

Detective Montrois was assigned 63 Criminal cases in addition to the normal youth oriented issues. Youth contacts during the year included issues ranging from truancy to criminal cases. Detective Montrois also lectures students, youth organizations & parent-teacher groups on today's juvenile justice and youth related issues.

Detective Montrois arrested 29 people under the age of 16 for offenses of simple larcenies to serious felonies and sexual crimes. A total of 15 adults were arrested in regards to criminal investigations; many of which were as a result of crimes perpetrated upon children.

Most notable this year is a higher than average number of sex cases involving children as victims and perpetrators. The Juvenile Aid Officer alone investigated 10 cases in which juveniles were victims and seven cases involving juvenile sex offenders.

Detective Montrois' duties also include missing persons investigations; usually those under the age of eighteen. There were 406 Missing Persons reported in 2004, 138 of which originated from the Children's Home of Jefferson County. Two missing adults, *Arlene Soluri reported in 1985* and *Myrtea Reyes reported in 1993* were identified during death investigations in other jurisdictions. Neither death case was attributed to foul play. DNA information was used by the Federal Bureau of Investigations to identify Mrs. Soluri, whose skeletal remains were found in Black River Bay in the fall of 1999. Mrs. Reyes was found to have been residing in a nursing home for persons suffering from dementia. She was identified following her death of natural causes.

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## Criminal Investigations Division

### Identification & Evidence Unit

The Watertown Police Department Identification/Evidence Unit is responsible for the photographing, documentation, and collection of evidence from crime scenes. There are two ID/Evidence Technicians assigned to the unit. The department also has some patrol officers trained in the collection and preservation of evidence, fingerprints and photography, to assist the two officers assigned to ID.

The unit also assists in processing accident and lesser crime or incident scenes when requested. The unit handles all evidentiary needs to include post processing of items received from patrol that the ID unit did not initially respond to. Processing includes cataloging the items, sending items of evidence to the New York State Police Lab for analysis, latent fingerprint analysis and test firing of weapons seized as a result of a criminal offense. The responsibility for the security and storage of all evidence held by the Watertown Police Department, and seized as a result of an investigation by the Metro-Jefferson Drug Task Force, falls under the unit's command. The unit is also tasked with the proper disposition of any evidence in our possession, following criminal case adjudication. The safe return of evidence to the victims of crimes and disposal of items categorized as a public nuisance, *such as drugs, firearms, edged weapons and the like*, is another unit responsibility.

The Police ID unit provides photographic documentation and evidence collection for all fire scenes, *suspicious or otherwise*, investigated by the Watertown Fire Department. The unit's evidence technicians accompany the Metro-Jefferson Drug Task Force on all their search warrants, taking the lead on processing any and all evidentiary needs for the task force. The ID Unit assisted the NYSP Clandestine Crime Scene Emergency Response Team in processing four suspected methamphetamine labs in the greater Watertown area.

The ID Unit is also responsible for providing ID Cards for all city employees as well as fingerprinting city residents who require fingerprint based records checks for various licenses and employment needs such as school teachers, licensed day care providers, Alcohol Beverage Control licensees, real-estate agents and security positions.

### Technology in use

*Evidence unseen is evidence lost.* That's why a growing number of police agencies are relying on ultraviolet-light devices at crime scenes. The Jefferson County District Attorney's Office received funding to purchase a Krimesite Imager Direct View Kit, consisting of a Krimesite Scope and a Canon Digital Media Package. The equipment allows police to illuminate a large area with a high-powered ultraviolet light and look through a special scope to reveal potential evidence, not seen with the naked eye. Fingerprints, body fluids and other evidence reflect the ultraviolet light's wavelength; they appear to glow bright green with the device's combination of light and filters. An attachment lets police photograph fingerprints without disturbing them with traditional "dust-and-lift" methods. The equipment is shared by the Watertown Police and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Departments.



The Krimesite scope and equipment has proven to be both a non-destructive and non-corrosive method of discovering valuable evidence at a crime scene or in a laboratory. In addition, the victims of the crime will appreciate the reduction of messy powders and/or chemicals in their home, office or vehicle. This also means less clean-up and reduced crime scene contamination, as well as less damage to property and evidence.

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## Criminal Investigations Division

### Identification & Evidence Unit

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The ID technicians also offer informational presentations to local police and criminal justice agencies in an effort to educate others on the uses of the equipment in the event they may need our assistance with such evidentiary needs. The unit successfully utilized the device to locate bodily fluid evidence in several sexual assault investigations as well as latent finger prints on property crimes and weapon offense investigations.

The department continues its use of digital cameras to document minor crime scenes, accidents and incidents that are more routine in nature. The unit uses a 35mm camera to document major crime scenes. The department has two digital cameras, one for the Criminal Investigations Division and another for Patrol.

Once every officer is trained, any digital photos taken can be uploaded to the department's IMPACT Records Management System, directly into the associated case.

### ID Unit Services 2004

Assault.....	15
Burglary.....	31
Computer Crime.....	2
Death Investigations (non-criminal).....	17
Drug Investigations.....	95
Evidence & Photo Processing.....	206
Fire & Arson (includes attempted).....	13
Fraud.....	4
Homicide (includes attempted).....	3
Kidnapping.....	1
Larceny.....	11
Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	13
Robbery.....	3
Search Warrants.....	31
Sex Offenses.....	5
Vandalism/Property Crimes.....	9
Weapon Offenses.....	11

## Criminal Investigations Division

### Metro-Jefferson Drug Task Force

The Metro-Jefferson Drug Task Force is comprised of two detectives from the Watertown Police Department and two detectives from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. The District Attorney's Office added a Supervisory position to the Task force in June 2004. Craig Brennan, a retired New York State Police Investigator, was hired for the position. Personnel changes to the Task Force were an unforeseen adjustment as each department manipulated assignments to the Task Force as a result of promotions and transfer requests being fulfilled. Watertown PD Detective Richard Purvis transferred back to General Crimes and Deputy Sheriff Andrew Neff was promoted to Sergeant, and transferred back to the Sheriff's Patrol Division.

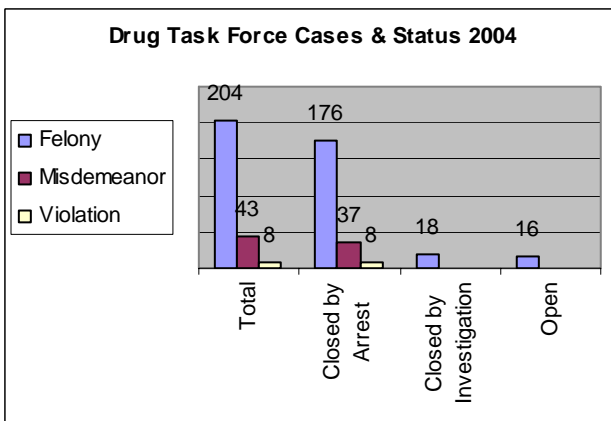
The new detectives needed to be trained in the intricate workings of an undercover operation such as the Task Force. The lack of experience for new detectives and the newly created supervisory position did not affect the productivity of the Task Force. The number of investigations being generated by the Task Force in 2004 was slightly less than the preceding year, but the Task Force did investigate several high profile drug cases resulting in high-level drug traffickers being arrested. Most of these investigations were very lengthy and more difficult than the typical "buy-bust" operations. This was attributed to the "experience" of the suspects who weren't as careless in their "trade" than regular street level offenders.

The Task Force continued to network with other agencies through out New York State. This is very apparent when considering to the volume of methamphetamine laboratory investigations being conducted by the Task Force; thereby creating a working relationship with the members of the New York State Police Clandestine Lab Response Team. Investigations conducted by the St. Lawrence County Drug Task Force crossed into our jurisdiction resulting in a collaborative effort between jurisdictions to fight an ever spreading campaign against drugs. The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and the US Attorney's Office in Syracuse were also instrumental in several intelligence gathering missions, arrest and prosecutions in 2004.

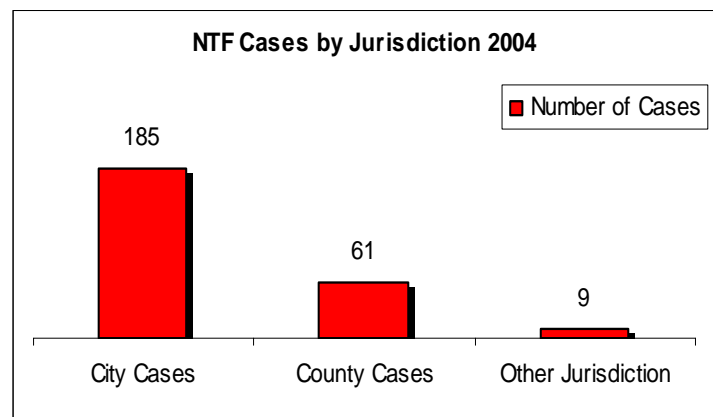
The support of the Watertown Police Department Identification Unit, K-9 teams and Entry Team to the Task Force was indispensable. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office added a K-9 team to their department, which also assisted in investigations. The Task Force continued to receive support from the New York State Police CNET, now with four investigators assigned to the northern portion of Troop "D".

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Drug Task Force Cases & Status 2004



NTF Cases by Jurisdiction 2004



## Criminal Investigations Division

### Metro-Jefferson Drug Task Force

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Although crack cocaine was responsible for the majority of cases, the *explosion* of methamphetamine clandestine labs continued to burden the Task Force. 2004 started out with three Methamphetamine labs in two days, which resulted in three search warrants. These investigations were very lengthy and required the assistance of multiple agencies with the processing of evidence and removal of the hazardous chemicals that were used to manufacture methamphetamine. The trend is that Jefferson County is by far the area to which you can attribute a majority of the methamphetamine production throughout the entire state of New York. With the assistance from the DEA, The New York State Police Clandestine Laboratory Response Team and the Environmental Conservation Department, investigations were carried out without incident. The prosecution of these cases was largely handled by the US Attorney's Office. The Federal statutes have mandatory minimum sentencing guidelines, which includes higher prison sentences than would have been realized if prosecuted under State drug laws. Conversely, it appears that higher sentence penalties have played a part in the decrease in meth labs investigated later this year. During investigations and intelligence gathering efforts, we found that methamphetamine "cooks" were getting educated into how we conduct our investigations. It was noted that many of these cooks are producing smaller amounts of methamphetamine but cooking more often. There are several chemical processes that need to be completed in order to produce meth and investigations showed that the cooks are now performing each process at separate locations, making it much more difficult to target a suspected lab for search warrants. It seems that the use of different chemicals to produce methamphetamine is becoming more and more common, as the usual chemicals and components are being "flagged" by retailers as an item to watch when purchased in large quantities. This trend is becoming more common throughout the state.

Drug Seizures 2004		
Type	Weight	Street Value
Crack Cocaine	8.12 ounces	\$45,472.00
Cocaine (Powder)	41.32 ounces	\$231,392.00
Heroin	.30 ounces (52 bags)	\$2,000.00
Marihuana	1.54 pounds	\$4,158.00
Ecstasy	68 dosage units	\$1,700.00
Methamphetamine	70 + ounces meth oil	\$98,000.00
Marijuana Plants	27 plants	\$43,200.00
Prescription Drugs	61 dosage units	N/A

Non Drug Seizure 2004	
Cash	\$41,171.00
Vehicles	2
Firearms	7
Weapons	1 Stun Gun
Houses	1

## Criminal Investigations Division

### Metro-Jefferson Drug Task Force

Arrests for drug related offenses in 2004 totaled 124. The statistics of which were categorized by age, gender and race. Of the 124 arrests made in 2004, 81 were of males, while 43 were of females. The majority of arrests were of persons 19 years of age or older, reaching 115. Nine arrests were for persons under 19 years old. Of the 124 arrested, 69 were Caucasian, 52 were of African-American decent and three were of Hispanic origin. The information derived from investigations, intelligence and arrests reveal the broad spectrum of the population involved in drug related crime. The offenses generally relate to trafficking and possession and reflect the need to interdict and arrest offenders, as well as educate the general public to the Metro-Jefferson's mission and that the drug dealer is not the common street dealer anymore.

### Targets & Case Studies

**Ginger Armstrong:** In January 2004, Armstrong was targeted for selling heroin and crack cocaine. Information about stolen property and controlled substances had been received, as well as information regarding stolen firearms in her residence. Undercover buys led to the execution of a search warrant at 125 E. Hoard St. in the City of Watertown which resulted in the arrests of several persons at the residence for the possession of controlled substances. In March 2004, NYSP CNET developed information, which led to another search warrant being executed at the Armstrong residence. This warrant resulted in arrests of another 8 persons, the seizure of controlled substances, the recovery of stolen property, and recovery of evidence from a prior methamphetamine lab at that location. This also led to Federal asset forfeiture proceedings because the residence was classified as a "drug factory". The hearing was held in Federal Court, Syracuse, in December with the property being awarded to Jefferson County District Attorney's Office through the DEA.

**Al Givans:** Al Givans came to Watertown from Brooklyn in 1999 with two other drug dealers. Since his arrival he has been very active in the narcotics trade. Givans is also known as a high-ranking Crip gang member. Since Givans' arrival in Watertown he has been involved in numerous violent felonies, including stabbings, violent assaults, robberies, burglaries, and drug offenses. Through intimidation, Givans has obtained the loyalty of his associates and their unwillingness to cooperate with police investigations is a result of fear of reprisal. Givans is also known for trafficking stolen handguns between Watertown and New York City. He has been a victim of shootings and stabbings in his past.

The Task Force launched a lengthy investigation involving Givans and two associates. In October 2004, Givans was arrested with three co-defendants for possessing over two ounces of crack cocaine. The trial is expected within the next few months. Through this investigation two other known associates of Givans were targeted and arrested for drug sales and the Task Force was successful in recovering four stolen handguns. Three of these weapons were stolen from Watertown and were being smuggled back to New York City at the time of the defendant's arrest. Through this investigation it was also determined that Givans has a large New York City operation where cocaine, crack cocaine, and marihuana are being sold through his Crip Gang Connections. It is believe that Givans has sold several pounds of narcotics in the City of Watertown over the past few years.





# ADMINISTRATION

## DIVISION



2004

## Administration Division

### Administration Division

The Administration Division's primary responsibility is the management of police operations to include records management, technology & personnel.

The Administration Division, *commanded by a uniform Lieutenant*, offers support services for the Patrol, Criminal Investigations & Community Police Divisions. It ensures training needs, to include NY State requisite instruction in firearms, use of force and certifications in law enforcement equipment, as well as general in-service for sworn staff. Continued training in the department's Police Records Management System, for civilian and sworn personnel alike, is done on an as needed basis.

We contribute to public and parochial schools by offering access to a Drug Abuse Resistance Effort (D.A.R.E.) program and provide research services to the community for traffic safety needs and assessments and civilian school crossing guards.

Property Management; both found property & departmental inventory, are maintained by division staff, as are personnel records, grant-funding initiatives, computer network operations, uniform & quartermaster maintenance and budget/purchasing administration.

### Records Management

The records section is staffed by two civilian clerks. All personnel, civilian and sworn officers, utilize the department's new Records Management System. The new system, IMPACT RECORDS and it's sister component, IMPACT MOBILE RECORDS, was deployed for use in May 2004. It affords personnel instant access to information, whether entered on desktop workstations in the police department or from mobile patrol units in the field. The reports, including incident reports, criminal cases, accident reports, citations and a myriad of others, are typed into the system and information is accessible 24 hours a day.

Officers and clerks, assigned to records management, review computer generated and hardcopy reports on a daily basis as part of the department's validation process. Validations ensures that information in the system, as well as filed with the records office, is complete, accurate and up to date.

The records clerks also handle records checks for citizens, housing, and the military services, as well as ensuring that requests for police reports by insurance agencies, local interests groups, and citizens are filled promptly.

## Administration Division

### Grants Management

The division commander manages the various grants and funding initiatives for the police department. Grants such as the COPS UHP, COPS MORE, Local Law Enforcement Block Grants and Traffic Safety Grants are just a few that have been awarded to the department over the past ten years. To insure compliance with applicable standards, grants management includes funding operations, purchase of equipment supported in the grant projects, maintenance of records and disposition of projects under which the grant funds were used. Most grants management resources are on-line and administered through internet based tools and program forms.

2004 saw the first year, *since 1995*, that the police department did not receive a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. The Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) Program provides funds to local law enforcement for their project initiatives to help reduce crime and improve public safety. The LLEBG Program encourages local decision-making and allows communities to craft their own responses to local crime and drug problems. Federal FY 2004 LLEBG funding was \$115 million. The funds were allocated by a formula based on Part I Violent Crimes as reported in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reports. The department did not receive funding for two reasons:

1. Federal funding for the LLEBG program for 2004 was somewhat diminished because funds, usually allocated specifically to the LLEBG program, were instead consolidated with other Federal Grant Programs such as COPS, BYRNE MEMORIAL and Homeland Security initiatives.
2. The department's Part I offenses, as reported to the FBI for FY 2003-04, were apparently lower and did not meet the minimum threshold to apply for the 2004 round of block grants.

Grant funding supports a variety of department initiatives to include equipment purchases, technology, traffic safety, bullet proof vests and funding overtime for special projects such as STOP DWI and aggressive driving enforcement. 2004 saw the department receiving over \$23,000.00 for various aggressive driving and STOP DWI initiatives. Around \$6000.00 of NY State grant funds were included in this years STOP DWI training programs to purchase Breath Analysis devices to be used in training officers in administering Alcohol Breath Tests as well as maintain the certifications of those already trained. The department's COPS MORE grant funds were dispersed in 2004 as well, when the department moved forward with the purchase of the new computer records management system and deployed the Mobile Data Terminals in the police cars for patrol and community policing. A 2003 Block Grant, allocated to support the department's computer records upgrades, was spent on replacing aging desktop computers for the department and the purchase of a laptop and supported communication for the detectives in the Metro-Jefferson Task Force. The very nature of their assignment precludes them from frequent visits to the Public Safety Building, so the laptop & wireless communication allows them the connectivity they need to our records system.

## Administration Division

### Traffic Safety

The administration division supports the City Public Works, Engineers, and Code Enforcement departments by providing in-depth research and studies on various traffic safety and vehicle parking concerns. Officer James McNitt works closely with the other departments' staff, as well as with members of the police departments' patrol, community police and crash management units, to determine the validity of traffic safety concerns, make recommendations to resolve problem issues and qualify complaints as actual problems.

Complaints of this nature are funneled in from private citizens, requests from other city departments and through general patrol observations.

### Quartermaster

The Department continues to utilize the quartermaster system to outfit new officers and maintain veteran officers' uniform and equipment needs. The quartermaster system has been expanded over the past two years to include the purchase of dress uniforms, such as those worn by the Honor/Color Guard. The department outfits six officers per year, based upon seniority, years left of service and division assignment. Officers from the uniform divisions are outfitted first.

The quartermaster system also provides for the purchase of ballistic vests for new recruits as well as replacing those that are in need of replacement. The department utilizes a federal grant initiative, the Bullet Proof Vest Program (BVP) to assist in the issuance of vests. The program reimburses the city 50 % of the cost for the vests purchased. A new round of grant funding in this project has already been applied for to help outfit recently hired officers .

### Court Security

The City Of Watertown Police Department was relieved of its security responsibilities for the Watertown City Court in 2004. The bailiff post was relinquished to security personnel provided by the New York State Court Administration, soon after Officer Charles Morse, City Court bailiff for over ten years, retired from the department.

## Administration Division

### Police Training

A trained police force is more efficient, professional, cost effective, and safer for both the officers and the citizens they serve. Watertown police officers are required to attend a minimum of 32 hours of training per year. This training includes legal issues & updates, court rulings, defensive tactics, and fire-arms training.

Special units training, such as Police K-9, and Special Tactics Entry Team also must train bi-weekly to maintain skills and certifications as needed. Other special units such as STOP DWI, especially the Drug Recognition Expert, must maintain a certain level of training to maintain certification and proficiency.

Officers and civilian staff attend courses needed to maintain certifications, computer skills, and subjects associated with their daily duties. Officers are encouraged to attend courses offered by area colleges, in the furtherance of their education. The WPD Training Center also provides classroom facilities and training to departments of other jurisdictions.

The Watertown Police Department operates its own Basic Police Academy at the Municipal Building. The training center is managed by Sergeant Dan Larkin. No Basic Academy was held at the training center in 2004, but Sgt. Dan Larkin, did provide support services and classroom instruction to area training needs, such as the Fort Drum Civilian Police Force. The U.S. Army installation has been migrating its military police force to combat field operations, in response to a growing need for deployed personnel in support of anti-terrorist operations at home and abroad. The usual patrol and law enforcement duties have been relegated to civilian federal police forces on post. The increased need for experience and trained police instructors was self evident, and Sgt. Larkin assisted the federal police training unit with their basic academy.

The department's training for 2004 totaled 1,784 hours. Training includes on-site and off-site courses. The courses of study included the firearms, general on-service, defensive tactics, criminal investigations, crime scene technician, K-9 and administrative classes. Computerization courses and customer service seminars also dominated the training calendar in 2004. The course itemization is provided on the following page.

## Administration Division

### Police Training

	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
1/13 - 16	Fingerprint Procedures Level 2	Monroe Comm. College	1	32
2/25	Youth Gang Collaborative Seminar	Syracuse	2	16
2/27	DARE Annual Training Conference	Saratoga Springs	1	32
3/1 - 31	In-Service (5 sessions)	Training Center	41	656
4/27 - 29	DARE Curriculum Update	Ithaca, NY	1	24
5/3 - 7	SIRCHIE Fingerprint school	Youngsville, NC	1	40
5/5 - 9	NAPWDA workshop	Yates County	3	120
5/17 - 21	Annual NYS CPC Conference	Buffalo	2	80
5/24 - 28	Sex Offense Seminar	Albany	1	40
6/11 - 13	Street Gang Seminar	Williamsville, NY	1	24
7/22 - 25	Breath Analysis Course	Fort Drum	1	32
8/9 - 11	Law Enforcement Manager Seminar	Syracuse	1	24
9/1	Incident Command Course	Syracuse	1	8
9/13 - 17	Fingerprint Procedures Level 3	Albany	1	40
9/20 - 10/8	Range Exercises	Watertown	56	448
10/2 - 7	Homicide Seminar	Albany	1	48
10/7	DRE Prescription Drugs	Morris County, NJ	1	8
10/8 - 9	Executive Development Seminar	Syracuse	1	16
10/11 - 13	Child Passenger Safety Conference	Saratoga Springs	1	24
10/12 - 13	Executive Development Seminar	Syracuse	1	16
10/27	Personal Computers- Level 1	BOCES	1	8
10/29	Counter Terrorism Executive Training	Albany	1	8
11/3 - 5	Arson Seminar	Montour Falls	1	24
12/1	Personal Computers- Level 2	Albany	1	8
12/18	OSHA Workshop	Watertown	1	8
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>124</b>	<b>1784</b>



## Administration Division

### D.A.R.E.

The D.A.R.E. officer is an important asset to the schools, the department, and the community alike. The DARE officer also assists school administration with student interviews, helping parents with outside agency assistance if needed, identifying persons in need or rewarding deserving students.

The 2004-2005 D.A.R.E. curriculum brought about two major changes from past years. First the new curriculum was implemented this year, which is seven weeks shorter in length. Second, the Parochial Schools merged from five schools to one Intermediate School. Parochial Schools this year had scheduling conflicts, which prevented the DARE Officer starting until the second quarter, with classes beginning in February of 2005.

The average number of students that receive D.A.R.E. per school year is 430.

In addition to teaching D.A.R.E. classes, one of the biggest commitments for D.A.R.E. is public presentations. These presentations are initiated through invitations from local businesses and organizations that donate money to D.A.R.E., or requests for education on drugs, gangs etc. The presentations often involve explaining the program to new groups and updating established supporters, attending safety day events, fingerprinting, teaching drug related topics to adults and non-D.A.R.E students, appearing to accept donations, media coverage, interviews, boy-scout/girl scout appearances, parades, PTO meetings and various school events. Many of these events occur during school hours and a schedule change and/or "makeup" class is needed. *Very* rarely, however, are businesses or organizations turned down when a request for a D.A.R.E. presentation has been made.



School	No. of Student
Wiley	330
Holy Family	49
Scared Heart	12
St. Patrick's	17
St. Anthony's	8

## Administration Division

### Crossing Guards



Each and every school day, dedicated citizens fulfill the responsibility of being a Crossing Guard. Crossing Guards spend countless hours at busy City intersections as the unsung heroes of safeguarding America's future, on their trips to and from school. The Crossing Guards in their brightly colored vests and toting their stop signs are ever vigilante to vehicle threats; they give the children a guiding light to safely complete their journey to school and home. Be it clear, or cloudy, rain or snow, the crossing guards remain steadfast in their devotion to our children's safety.

The Watertown Police Department currently has sixteen crossing guards who provide protection for our children at various traffic intersections that lead to our schools. These special people are an integral part of the Police Department's ability to operate. The crossing guard duties are relegated to Patrol or Community Police Officers when the crossing guards are unavailable.

The crossing guards received new equipment in 2004, which included new higher visibility traffic safety vests, raincoats and sturdier handheld STOP signs.

Crossing Guards Alicia Glavovich and Edith Fayall were just such dedicated citizens. Alicia and Edith faithfully staffed their busy crossings for a number of years in fair and inclement weather alike. Their dedication to the community, and to the citizens of Watertown and its children, were recognized in 2004 during a presentation at the City Council Chambers. Alicia served the Watertown community as a school crossing guard for 19 years and Edith for five.

# Highlights, Achievements & Awards



**2004**

## Highlights, Achievements and Awards

### Criminal Justice Internship Program

The Watertown Police Department continued its commitment to the Law Enforcement Internship Programs. The department invited students from the sponsored schools, including Jefferson Community College, Indian River and Thousand Island, Sackets Harbor Central Schools, and Jefferson Lewis BOCES. Our participation allowed ten students to experience and evaluate law enforcement as a career, during a 40 to 53 hour internship with various officers within the department.

### Summer Youth Employment Program

The Watertown Police Department has participated in the Jefferson County Summer Youth Employment Program for the past seven years. The Program is sponsored by Jefferson County and provides work experience and job training for the youth in our community. The youths work during the summer break from school. As in years prior, the Police Department had a youth working in the records office in 2004; tasked with various clerical duties in support of the staff assigned to the division.

### Toys for Tots Program

The Watertown Police Department has participated in the Toys for Tots Program for the past five years. The Toys For Tots Program is sponsored by the United States Marine Corps Reserve. Department employees and the Police Benevolent Association continue to donate to the program and donated toys in excess of five hundred dollars in 2004.



## Highlights, Achievements and Awards

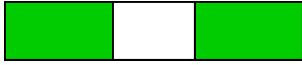
### Santa's Helpers

The Watertown Police Department joined the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department on their annual trip to the Pediatrics Ward of the Samaritan Medical Center. Police officers from both agencies joined "Santa" in handing out toys to the children who are in the hospital and couldn't spend Christmas at home with their families. Donations from the Police Benevolent and the Deputy Sheriff's Associations allowed for the purchase of toys and books to be given to the children, as well as playroom equipment for the pediatrics ward. The children loved to see Santa visit them and it was a great honor to help Santa with his work.



## Highlights, Achievements and Awards

### Officer of the Year



#### ***Detective Richard Purvis***

Detective Purvis received the 2004 Officer of the Year award for his “above and beyond” efforts in the War-on-Drugs. Detective Purvis was assigned to the Metro-Jefferson Drug Task Force and was the lead detective at the time. Having been with the unit since September 1999, Detective Purvis’ initiative in gathering and documenting the much needed intelligence of the drug culture, on both suspect and users alike, was the basis for numerous successful investigations, some reaching as far as NY City and beyond. Detective Purvis’ was recognized by his peers for his initiative, meticulous attention to details, and ability to successfully “work” case after case. His efforts allowed the unit, *and department as a whole*, to identify drug courier routes, target drug houses and arrest numerous offenders.

### Life Saving



#### ***Officers Glenn Brady, Steven Wood, James Romano, Michael Zicari, Peter Keck, Sue Chartrand, Michael Labarge and Matthew Dawley***

On the night of October 31st 2004, police and fire units were sent to a working structure fire at 234 Coffee Street. The occupied apartment building was found emanating heavy smoke and flames. The officers entered the burning structure and began a systematic evacuation of the apartment building. The diligence of the police officers on the scene contributed to saving the lives of those they evacuated.

### Unit Citation

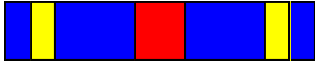


The members of the “A” Platoon distinguished themselves during 2004 in the collective efforts to combat violent crime and the protection of life and property. The platoon effectively investigated and assisted in the investigations of numerous violent criminal acts during 2004. Their efforts assisted in the quick apprehension of perpetrators of offenses ranging from robbery and burglary to drug offenses. The unit’s teamwork also contributed to the saving of lives from a structure fire on the night of October 31st. Quick response, decisive action and self initiative were prevalent for the unit in 2004.



## Highlights, Achievements and Awards

### Drug Buster



#### *Officer Matthew Dawley*

Officer Matthew Dawley distinguished himself among his peers in his efforts to combat drug offenses on the street. His initiative in drug interdiction resulted in numerous seizures during 2004, some including large quantities of crack cocaine and marijuana. Officer Dawley's efforts in drug investigations also contributed to intelligence gathering efforts for the Metro-Jefferson Drug Task Force and opened new investigations as a result.

### Operation Safe & Sober: Top Cop Award

#### *Officer Joseph Reff*

Officer Joe Reff received the Top Cop award and Certificate of Excellence for his efforts in STOP DWI enforcement in his dedication to highway safety. Officer Reff was one of eleven officers selected state-wide for this prestigious award. The award, sponsored by the NY State Chapter of M.A.D.D., was presented to Officer Reff and the department in recognition of the department's initiative in enforcing the drunk driving laws and for making Watertown a safer community.

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## Highlights, Achievements and Awards

### Years of Service

#### *Thirty Years of Service*

*Captain Otis N. Reff*

#### *Fifteen Years of Service*

*Officer William R. Russell*

*Officer Steven G. Kreun*

#### *Ten Years of Service*

*Detective Richard J. Purvis*

*Officer Joseph C. Reff*

*Officer John V. Oliveau*

*Officer Heather R. Wood*

*Officer Mark W. Sutton*

*Officer William K. Rafferty*

*Officer Ronald E. Gatch*

